

Because of the media consolidation already allowed by early actions of FCC and Congress, broadcast music radio has been flooded with stations that have no actual local programming, but use commentary and music recorded at a central location and broadcast by all of the stations. One station I listened to in New Mexico even repeated its recorded music programming and voice DJ commentary after a few hours.

There are proposals to allow further consolidation of media ownership as part of the Biennial Review. These proposals, if enacted, would further reduce our access to broadcast music of a variety of genres. The availability of music through the internet or cable means nothing for large numbers of people who listen to such music in rural locations or in moving vehicles. The argument that cable or internet music gives infinite diversity is patently bogus, and should be rejected.

I hope the FCC Commissioners will vote to reject any effort to allow further media consolidation, and that they will further instruct the staff to develop and rapidly implement rules which will require that large media conglomerates divest themselves of some outlets, including some large and profitable ones.

I hope the Commissioners will make their decision based on the interests of consumers and democracy, rather than the interests of monied groups and corporations. Failure of the Commission to do the right thing will greatly impact the American people's confidence in the elected officials and the FCC. Thank you for your attention.